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SUBJ: REACTION TO DEATH OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

1. ONLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY'S DEATH CARRIED IN NEWS MEDIA WAS ONE-SENTENCE STATEMENT THAT "FORMER ARCH-BISHOP OF ESZTERGOM JOZSEF MINDSZENTY, AGE 83, DIED IN A HOSPITAL IN VIENNA". PRESS CARRIED NEWS IN BACK PAGES AND NO COMMENTARY HAS SO FAR APPEARED.

2. HUNGARIAN CONTACTS OF EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON MINDSZENTY'S DEATH. THOSE WHO HAVE, EXPRESS HOPE THAT CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS WILL NOW IMPROVE AT FASTER PACE.

3. DURING VARIOUS VE DAY CELEBRATIONS OVER PAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BUDAPEST DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ODDLY ENOUGH, NO ONE HAS EVEN MENTIONED MINDSZENTY'S PASSING.

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